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TIME BOMB IN WHITEHALL OFFICE

Charwoman's Find In Department Of Colonial Office

Enough To Blow Up Whole Building

London, Apr. 16.

A hand-made time bomb, large enough to wreck the building, was discovered early today in the women's lavatory in Dover House, part of the Colonial Office in London's Whitehall district.

A Colonial Office spokesman declined to link the bomb directly with the Palestine hangings today of four Jewish terrorists, but said the abortive attempt to wreck Dover House obviously was part of a "general terror campaign" against British Government buildings and other Government buildings and Scotland Yard operatives began investigations.

The bomb was discovered by a charwoman at 6.30 this morning and was set to explode at about 1 p.m. DEST—just as most of the building's 100 workers would have been preparing to go to lunch.

The charwoman, identified by the police as a Mrs. Hart, was released by the authorities after questioning. United Press.

"Woman" Wanted
Scotland Yard has instituted a search for a "well dressed woman" who called at Dover House yesterday. It is believed this woman left the bomb during a call to inquire about exports to Palestine.

Many Palestinians call every day at the marketing division in Dover House—only 200 yards from No. 10 Downing Street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, one of the eight charwomen in Dover House, said she went into the ladies' lavatory about 6.30 this morning as usual to clean up.

No String
I saw a large parcel wrapped in newspapers with no string," she said. "As I picked up the package it fell apart and I saw a black battery and a lady's watch dangling from the battery. I realised it was a bomb because I have seen these sort of things in the movies. I knew it was dangerous and rushed it to the superintendent who immediately phoned Downing Street."

The police arrived within a few minutes. The building was cleared and cleaners walked up and down Whitehall until we were allowed to return. The gelignite sticks were bound with red tape," United Press.

Extra guards were placed at strategic points around all

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF AMERICANS

Beiping, Apr. 16.

Serious concern is felt in American quarters for the safety of Major Robert Rigg and Capt. John Collins, United States assistant military attachés, who have been prisoners of the Communists since they were captured in Manchuria on March 1.

Continued efforts to establish direct contact with the Reds are being made by Military Attaché Brig-Gen. Robert Soule and Naval Attaché Capt. William T. Kenny, who have gone to Changchun from Nanking to attempt "close range" negotiations.

Anxiety has been heightened by recently broadcast Communist charges that Maj. Rigg and Capt. Collins were "reconnoitering Communist military positions under cover of Kuomintang troops"—a charge which the United States Embassy has formally denied.

Unconfirmed Nationalist reports declare that three unidentified Americans and one other foreigner were put to death by the Communists retreating above Yenan.

Meanwhile Mrs. Rigg is in Beiping with her baby daughter Joan, awaiting her husband's release. Mrs. Collins is in Nanking where she is awaiting the birth of a child.—United Press.

FRENCH CONSUL HONOURED

Mr. E. E. Jobez, the French Consul in Hong Kong, has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Notification of the honour was received in Hong Kong from Paris yesterday. Mr. Jobez, who has been in Hong Kong since December last, was in Shanghai prior to the war. He later served with the Free French forces.

NO FOUNDATION

Jerusalem, Apr. 16.

Reports that General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner of Palestine, is resigning, circulating here in the past few days, were described at the Public Information Office as having "no foundation."—United Press.

FEARS OF NEW CRISIS IN EUROPE

Washington, Apr. 16.

Amid warnings of an impending new crisis in Europe, the Senate today began day and night sessions in the hope of passing President Truman's Greco-Turkish aid bill before the weekend.

The Senate President, Arthur Vandenberg, voiced concern over European developments and warned the Senators not to ignore the "element of time pressure" in the matter.

"There will be a time, very promptly now, when the situation abroad will deteriorate in a fashion which will substantially magnify our problems," he said.

The drive for early Senate action caused the leaders of both parties to abandon for the moment their plans to crack at Henry Wallace for his charge that a bi-partisan foreign policy is leading the nation into an "imperialistic war."—United Press.

Moscow Gloom
Moscow, Apr. 16.

The deep secrecy surrounding the meeting between General Marshall and Marshal Stalin last night failed to obscure the gloomy conviction held by major diplomats that the current breakdown in the Big Four Cooperation could hardly be worse.

Unless the Marshall-Stalin talk produced a wholly new and unexpected basis for an agreement which has yet to be brought to light the widespread belief here is that the Moscow Conference, now nearing its end, will be followed by intensified Big Power rivalry in Germany and elsewhere.—Associated Press.

SCHOOL STRIKE

Beim, Apr. 16.

The three-day strike of more than 50,000 Italian teachers which has closed 4,000 intermediary schools spread to elementary schools in Turin today and strike disorders spread through the southern regions.—United Press.

Stolen Papers As Propaganda

Vienna, Apr. 15.

Colonel Keith van Sickle, Canadian-born discoverer and developer of the important Zisterdorf oilfields northeast of Vienna, told reporters today that extracts from documents which had "mysteriously disappeared" from his office formed the basis of the campaign against "Western monopolistic oil capitalists" in the Vienna Communist press.

Colonel Sickle stated that two documents—minutes of meetings last December between Austrian officials and representatives of British firms interested in the Zisterdorf oilfields—were taken from his office last February.

Austrian Ministers concerned as well as on "monopolistic foreign oil capitalists."

Using short quotations from the missing documents, the papers claimed to have established that a Soviet-Austrian agreement was not reached, not for the reasons given by the Government but because of the intervention of foreign oil interests, which had earlier sold most of their shares in Austrian concessions to Nazis at a great profit.

Of this last allegation, Colonel Sickle said: "It is entirely false that we sold our interests voluntarily, or for profit to Nazis."

In his own case, 20 of his 48 mining rights were taken by forced sale at "ridiculous" prices after the Nazi occupation; 23 others were taken over without payment after the outbreak of war and only the remaining five were technically in his possession when the war ended.—Reuter.

Hundred More H.K. Schools Wanted

(By Margaret Bradbury)

At least 100 more schools in Hong Kong and Kowloon will need to be established before the project now under way of providing 50,000 school-less Chinese children in the Colony with free technical education and training can be completed.

At present, 1,300 Chinese children—the sons and daughters of permanent workers in the Colony—are receiving vocational training as part of a scheme sponsored by a committee made up of Bishop Hallward, the Rev. George She and the Labour Officer, Mr. Chauvin. The committee was first formed at the request of 21 industrial workers' organizations and trade unions in the Colony with a view to a new development in local education.

Forty-five Chinese teachers who have been certified as qualified to teach by the Education Department are giving the present number of attending children instruction, with a view to fitting them for future skilled tradesmen work.

In an interview yesterday, Mr. Chauvin said: "The Director of Education has agreed to grant us a subsidy of three dollars for each child to maintain his education, but at least another half a million dollars will be needed by the Committee if the programme envisaged is to be completed. The main difficulty, of course, besides cash is suitable accommodation."

Big Donations
Mr. Chauvin said that the committee had already received donations from sympathetic people in the Colony, including two voluntary subscriptions of \$5,000 each.

The first small school which was established for the children in Lockhart Road, has been entirely maintained with funds from the C.M.S. for half a year. Out of the Committee's funds four other schools were opened in Wanchai, Mongkok, Shaikwan and Shamshuipo with accommodation for 1,249 children.

Mr. Chauvin said yesterday: "The Government has granted the repair of the Bellis School for use by the workers' children and construction work there is to start soon. We are hoping that in the future a few factories of small scale will also be established for our vocational training scheme."

Texaco To Pay High Compensation
Shanghai, Apr. 16.

The Texaco Oil Company today agreed to pay CN\$500,000,000 as compensation to a Chinese student, allegedly killed by a Caltex truck on April 3, but told students of Chiao Tung University, to which the victim belonged, that other demands would have to be left for the court to decide.

The victim was Chia Chia-pao, who left behind a wife and seven-year-old child.

Meanwhile, the oil company has protested to the Chinese authorities against the action of the students in detaining its legal adviser, James Voss, 10 hours when he went to the campus on Monday.

The students alleged Voss acted "arrogantly" and issued a statement describing Voss as a "foreign slave."—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone of Japan is moving slowly eastward with a vigorous high pressure wedge extending from it across the China Sea. Depressionary air moving eastward across N. China and Manchuria.

Summary: Fair, moderate. East winds, weather fine.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 76.4 deg. F. Minimum: 62.9 deg. F. Sunshine: 9.8 hours.

Today's Forecast: Fair, moderate. East winds, weather fine.

Readings at 10 a.m.: 4 p.m. 1015.8 1012.8 m.b. 29.9 29.9 inches. 61.0 61.0 deg. F. 9.8 9.8 hours.

Bar. at sea: 1015.8 1012.8 m.b. 29.9 29.9 inches. 61.0 61.0 deg. F. 9.8 9.8 hours.

Wind: Direction: 200 220. Wind Force: 3 4 knots.

FRENCH NAVAL EXPLOSION

Lorient, Apr. 15.

Four naval officers were killed and ten other persons, including Admiral Emile Barthes, maritime prefect of the Lorient area, were injured today in a munitions explosion at Gaveres naval training grounds near here.

It was reported the explosion was set off by a percussion cap which misfired. Admiral Barthes was said to be in "serious condition" at the naval hospital to which he and other injured men were taken.—United Press.

Russia To Get A Big Bill

Washington, Apr. 16.

Russia stands to get a bigger Lend-Lease bill from the United States than the other wartime Allies, once the long delayed settlement talks get under way.

That is not a result of Soviet-United States differences on the current world issues, nor because of the Kremlin's year-long refusal to discuss her \$1,200,000,000 account.

The reason is that Russia received a larger proportion of Lend-Lease goods than the other Allies.

In the case of the other countries, the United States has agreed to accept less than three cents on the dollar for the \$50,000,000,000 flow of supplies the United States poured across the oceans for the defeat of the Axis.

Officials who helped wind up the vast enterprise said that Russia will be expected to pay a substantially heavier rate.—Associated Press.

Surprise Witness In Murray Trial

Yokohama, Apr. 16.

The prosecution today closed its case against Col. Edward J. Murray, accused of misappropriating more than \$200,000 worth of diamonds from the Bank of Japan while the bank's vaults were in his official custody.

The sudden conclusion of the prosecution's case came as a surprise.

In the afternoon session, a Japanese witness started the court room by declaring he had delivered nine thermos bottles containing diamonds weighing 100,000 carats for which he received no receipt.

At current market prices the gems would be worth \$5,000,000. The incident occurred before Murray assumed custodianship of the bank vaults under SCAF orders.

The testimony came as a climax to the picture of utter confusion in the forms and records of the Bank of Japan in the early days of the American occupation.

The witness was Tokuo Suzuki, representing the government organization which collected diamonds and other valuables for the war administration during the war. Suzuki said that on October 19, 1945 he showed an American officer and some newspapermen the nine thermos bottles which were then in the basement of the Mitsui Trust Company. For the benefit of the spectators, he then exhibited one 15-carat diamond.

No Receipt
He then took the thermos bottles to the underground vaults of the Bank of Japan. He said he never received a receipt although he asked for one the following day.

The highlight of the afternoon session came when a Criminal Investigation agent, Wilbur Graff, from San Francisco, was recalled for additional cross-examination by the defence.

Graff admitted that since he had been in Japan he had been confined to hospital twice, both times in the neuropsychiatric ward. Replying to the court's questions, Graff replied frankly: "The story is I went out and got drunk."—United Press.

REFLOATED

Le Havre, Apr. 16.

The Liberté, formerly the German liner Europa, was refloated today, four months after it broke loose from its moorings in a gale and sank in the outer basin of Le Havre harbour.—United Press.

GRUNER DIES ON SCAFFOLD

Jerusalem, April 16:

Dov B. Gruner and three other condemned members of the Jewish underground were hanged today, and the British army of 100,000 was alerted immediately for the war which the Irgun Zvai Leumi has threatened should Gruner be hanged.

Gruner was sentenced to death for participating in an underground raid on a police station. An appeal by his American sister was denied.

Shortly before the execution, the British clamped a cordon on the Jewish parts of Palestine. No official explanation for the curfew order was given, but it was believed the move was to forestall underground violence which might be inspired by Gruner's hanging.

Search parties combed Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa.—United Press.

Surprise Decision
Seven hours after the hangings strict secrecy still surrounded the circumstances which led to the surprise decision.

The Chief Rabbi, Isaac Herzog, issued orders to some 1,000 rabbis to refuse to officiate at the burial of Gruner and the other three who were hanged.

The military authorities handed the bodies to the Jewish Community Burial Society—Hevra Kadisha, with the advice that the relatives wished the burials to be at Safed. However, the Jewish community of Safed was told to prepare only three graves for this afternoon interment one family had asked for burial elsewhere.—United Press.

London Protest
The execution today of Dov Gruner, Jewish terrorist, was a "judicial murder," Jehuda Banart, a member of the London Committee for aid to Jewish prisoners, of which the Acting Chief Rabbi is the Vice-President, said.

"In our opinion, it was not an execution of the sentence but a judicial murder," he said.

"This is the very first time that death sentences have been carried out within the British Empire when legal appeals were pending. There is nothing to show in evidence that Dov Gruner took an active part in the attack on the Tel-Aviv police station. He was shot while sitting on a lorry into which arms, it was hoped to capture, were to be loaded."—Reuter.

Panic stricken male and female passengers on east bound trams nearest the fallen cable immediately started jumping from the upper and lower windows.

A Tramway Company repair gang was quickly on the scene and within a short while the necessary repairs were effected.

Shortly after nine o'clock last night, pedestrians in Queen's Road East in the vicinity of the Royal Naval Dockyard were suddenly startled by a loud spluttering and crackling sound as an overhead tram cable snapped and fell to the ground.

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Fog Traps Queen Elizabeth

SOUTHAMPTON, APR. 16.

THICK FOG ROLLED IN FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT EARLY TODAY AND TRAPPED THE QUEEN ELIZABETH AT COWES ROAD JUST OUTSIDE SOUTHAMPTON HARBOUR, PREVENTING THE LINER FROM DOCKING.

An official of the Cunard White Star Line said the \$5,000,000 luxury liner would try to make it later tonight between 9 and 10 p.m.

Tenders are standing by to bring 1,445 cabin and tourist class passengers ashore as soon as the fog lifts. First class passengers were landed yesterday.

The official said there appeared to be no damage to the ship as a result of her running aground.—United Press.

"America" Also
Southampton, Apr. 16.

The United States Line's flagship, "America," anchored near "Queen Elizabeth" this afternoon when she ran into the same fog blanket.

Shortly after noon a tender put out through the fog from Southampton to start disembarking the remaining stranded passengers of the Cunard liner.—United Press.

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INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

Earned Income Relief Raised To £250; Forces Lose "Cheap Fag Issue" Heavier Duty On Tobaccos

London, Apr. 15. Announcing an increase in earned income relief, raising the maximum relief from £150 to £250, and increasing the child allowance from £50 to £60—the pre-war allowance figure—the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said that these concessions, and other tax reductions, would amount to £96,000,000 when he presented his budget today.

Mr. Dalton added that his relief concessions will mean that 750,000 people in Britain will be exempted from income tax payments in future. In order to counter-balance this reduction in revenue, Mr. Dalton proposed to increase the profits tax to 12½ per cent and to raise the customs duty on imported tobacco leaf by approximately 50 per cent.

All stamp duties relating to stocks and shares will be doubled.

The Chancellor's first big blow was the "cheap fag" issue, which he proposed to raise the duty on imported tobacco leaf by about 50 per cent.

The effect of this would be that the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes will be raised from 2/4 to 3/4, he said. A box of 100 cigarettes will be raised from 2/4 to 3/4.

The price of most pipe tobacco will be increased by about 12 per cent. The average price of tobacco is 2/6 and the Chancellor's announcement means that the average cost in future will be 3/0 per ounce.

To satisfy the "insatiable demand" for tobacco, Britain is drawing heavily and improvidently on dollars, the Chancellor declared. "We are smoking much more as a nation than we can afford," he regarded the saving of dollars as much more important than an increase of revenue.

Mr. Dalton continued: "We must export or we shall expire. In the months ahead exports and imports must be brought more nearly into balance. Imports must be severely limited, however disagreeable. Taxation would play a part in stimulating export and reducing needless imports."

He announced the repeal of the excise duty on artificial silk as from May 1 next.

He said that he would continue for the present the existing subsidy on home produced fuel and gas oils, and would repeal the duty one penny per gallon on these oils.

Income Relief

Mr. Dalton announced an increase in earned income relief raising the maximum relief from £150 to £250. He increased the child allowance from £50 to £60, restoring the allowance to pre-war figure. These allowances would relieve 750,000 people of all income tax payment, he said.

The total cost of tax reduction would be £96,000,000 in a full year and £80,000,000 this year. The Chancellor said that he had carefully considered the tax on betting but was convinced that he could not get substantial revenue from it. It would be possible to tax the totalisator but it would be unjust to tax this alone and let the book-maker go free. To tax all forms of betting would present the most formidable administrative difficulties.

He could hold out no hope for a reduction in the total weight of motor taxes. The present revenue must be maintained.

Stamp Duties

The Chancellor proposed to double all stamp duties relating to stocks and shares. He proposed also, subject to relief for small transactions, to double the stamp duty on the transfer of real property. He proposed an additional stamp duty of ten per cent on the value of all bond issues passed by the Capital Issues Committee, which would have extensive discretion.

The Chancellor said that he proposed to increase the profits tax to 12½ per cent in distrib-

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Nanking, Apr. 15. In order to facilitate subscription by Overseas Chinese to the National Government's 1947 United States Dollar Bonds and short-term Treasury Notes, the Ministry of Finance has requested the Central Bank of China immediately to set up sales offices in various "large overseas centres."

It is also planned to reorganise a subscription and sales commission in every important city throughout China to push the campaign for these bonds and treasury notes.—Reuter.

get of a one-quarter reduction in the total national consumption of tobacco which he regarded as the "minimum of patriotic duty."

He estimated a saving of \$30,000,000 this year. Mr. Dalton said that tax reduction would cost £84,000,000 this year and £96,000,000 in a full year. Tax increases would bring in £100,000,000 this year and £149,000,000 in a full year.

"I count on the balance of £22,000,000 this year and prospective surplus for this year is raised from 248 millions to 270 millions."

Mr. Eden

Mr. Anthony Eden (Cons.), speaking after Mr. Dalton, declared that the envisaged surplus in this year's budget of 248 millions was "not revenue surplus at all. It was a windfall of a number of items such as receipts from the sale of war stores."

They were non-recurring items and not matters which could give to confidence and jubilation or particular evidence of the immediate financial strength of the country.

Mr. Eden said that the national expenditure was still far too high. The debate was then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Campaign Against Wallace

Washington, Apr. 15. Representative L. Mendel Rivers today submitted a resolution to put Congress on record condemning Henry Wallace's blasts against the administration's foreign policy and accusing him of having "rendered grave disservice to the welfare of the United States."

The proposal, which was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee for study, also would serve notice to the world that the "ideas and opinions expressed" in Mr. Wallace's speeches throughout England "do not represent the views of Congress."

Senate Democratic leaders discussed a similar plan, but indicated they would not go ahead without President Truman's personal approval. Several prominent Senate Democrats conferred on the controversy before the Chamber resumed the debate on the President's US\$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid programme, chief target of Mr. Wallace's blast.

The debate was overshadowed frequently by attacks on the former Vice-President. The Democratic whip, Scott Lucas, said the best rebuke to Wallace would be overwhelming approval of the Greek-Turkish plan.

One Defender

Amid the Congressional furor over Mr. Wallace, only one voice was raised in his defence—that of Senator James Murray (Democrat, Montana), who said Mr. Wallace's overcautious tour was a "grand thing for the country" and demonstrated the "free speech principle of democracy."

"We won't hang Wallace when he gets home, which might be his fate if he were Russian," United Press.

Wallace A "Private Citizen"

Washington, Apr. 15. A White House spokesman said today that it was "obvious" that Henry Wallace is speaking as a private citizen in his British speeches attacking the United States foreign policy.

It was the first comment from the White House since Wallace began his attacks on the American programme to aid Greece and Turkey.

The White House press secretary, Charles Ross, when asked whether the United States would notify the British Government that Wallace was speaking only as a private citizen, said: "It is an obvious fact, is it not, that Mr. Wallace is speaking as a private citizen?"

Ross said the White House has taken no official notice of Wallace's statements but he declined to prophesy when asked whether this would apply to the future.

Military Outposts On Mars Next?

Washington, Apr. 16. A race to establish military outposts on Mars, using rockets with a velocity of 26,000 miles an hour to span the 400,000,000 miles from the earth it is forecast by Major J. Randolph.

"Rockets capable of being propelled to a policy of preparedness. Citing American occupation of World War II bases in remote parts of the earth, such as the Aleutians and the lonely beaches of the Pacific, Randolph declared: "In World War III, we cannot limit such occupation to the earth alone. We must extend it out into space as far as rockets can go and to our neighbour worlds in space."

An attack from Mars, he said, would afford "vastly greater opportunities for secrecy and surprise" than a sudden assault from earth against any enemy country.

Victory More Certain "Money and lives will be saved and victory made more certain by all that we do in peacetime to prepare for such occupation—studying these other worlds, sending expeditions to them, and devising equipment to meet their special needs."

He also noted the prospect of sending "satellite ships" to cruise in the vast unknown outside the earth's air belt and circle "round and round the earth like little man-made moons." —Associated Press.

"Queen Elizabeth" Refloated

Southampton, Apr. 15. After being trapped on Bramble sandbank outside Southampton Harbour for 26 hours, the world's largest liner, Britain's 85,000-ton "Queen Elizabeth," was refloated tonight by the concerted efforts of sixteen tugs and the giant screws of the liner.

Two thousand people watching from the shore saw the "Queen Elizabeth" then head for Southampton Harbour. Before the liner was set free, some 400 passengers had been taken off and transported to Southampton.

It is expected that the bows of the vessel will be examined by a diver for possible damage before she sails on her next voyage to New York this week.

'Operation High Jump' A Success

Washington, Apr. 15. Several members of the United States Navy's Antarctic expedition told United Press today that the successful return of the task force flagship "Mount Olympus" and other craft of "Operation High Jump" was a tribute to the leadership of Rear-Admiral Richard H. Cruzen, U.S.N., and ample testimony and demonstration of the value of experience in the U.S. Navy gained in previous Polar operations.

It was the fourth South Polar trip for Rear-Admiral Richard Byrd, who served as technical director of the expedition. The expedition was forced to leave Ross Ice Shelf, where a temporary land base had been established early in February, because of the danger of being icebound in the Ross Sea. Admiral Byrd said the icepack in the Ross Sea was the worst encountered in the history of South Polar exploration.

Observers said the ice did not endanger icebreakers like the "North Wind" and "Barton Island" which accompanied the expedition, even though some of the floes which drifted in the sea had surface areas of many thousand square yards.

As it was, the "Olympus" and other craft were badly battered coming out into more open water. The "Olympus" took about two weeks to pick its way from the Ross Ice Shelf through about 600 miles of treacherous icepack to the safer waters of the Bay of Whales.

The central group did not encounter any whaling ships, one expedition member told United Press, but they contacted Japanese vessels and others by radio at frequent intervals.

Uncertainty about the volume of future trade with Germany is one of the inevitable difficulties now being revealed after the first day of private talks between the delegates to the International Trade Organisation Conference, which opened here last Thursday.

The leader of the Czech delegation in an informal interview, said that Czechoslovakia's attitude to the tariff negotiations would have to be one of extreme reserve until his country could make a reasonable estimate of her future trade with Germany.

This, in turn, would depend on the future level of Germany's industry. "The tariff conditions that we obtain at this conference might be very advantageous under present circumstances, but their value might disappear if the later direction of our trade is changed and we return to our pre-war markets, between one-quarter and one-third of which were with Germany," he said.

—Reuter.

International Travel Pass? Geneva, April 15. France proposed an international travel pass when the Travel Conference of Government experts from 30 countries discussed here today ideas simplifying world travel.

The British delegation replied that the French plan should be carefully studied to see whether it would really mean an improvement, or whether it would mean additional documents for travellers to carry.

The proposals before the conference include a unified passport system, abolition of visas and simplification of frontier inspections, health certificates and customs formalities.

Paris, April 15. M. Paul Coste-Floret, Minister of War, is to fly to Dakar tomorrow. From there, with the Minister of Navy, he will go to Indo-China for a tour of inspection.—Reuter.



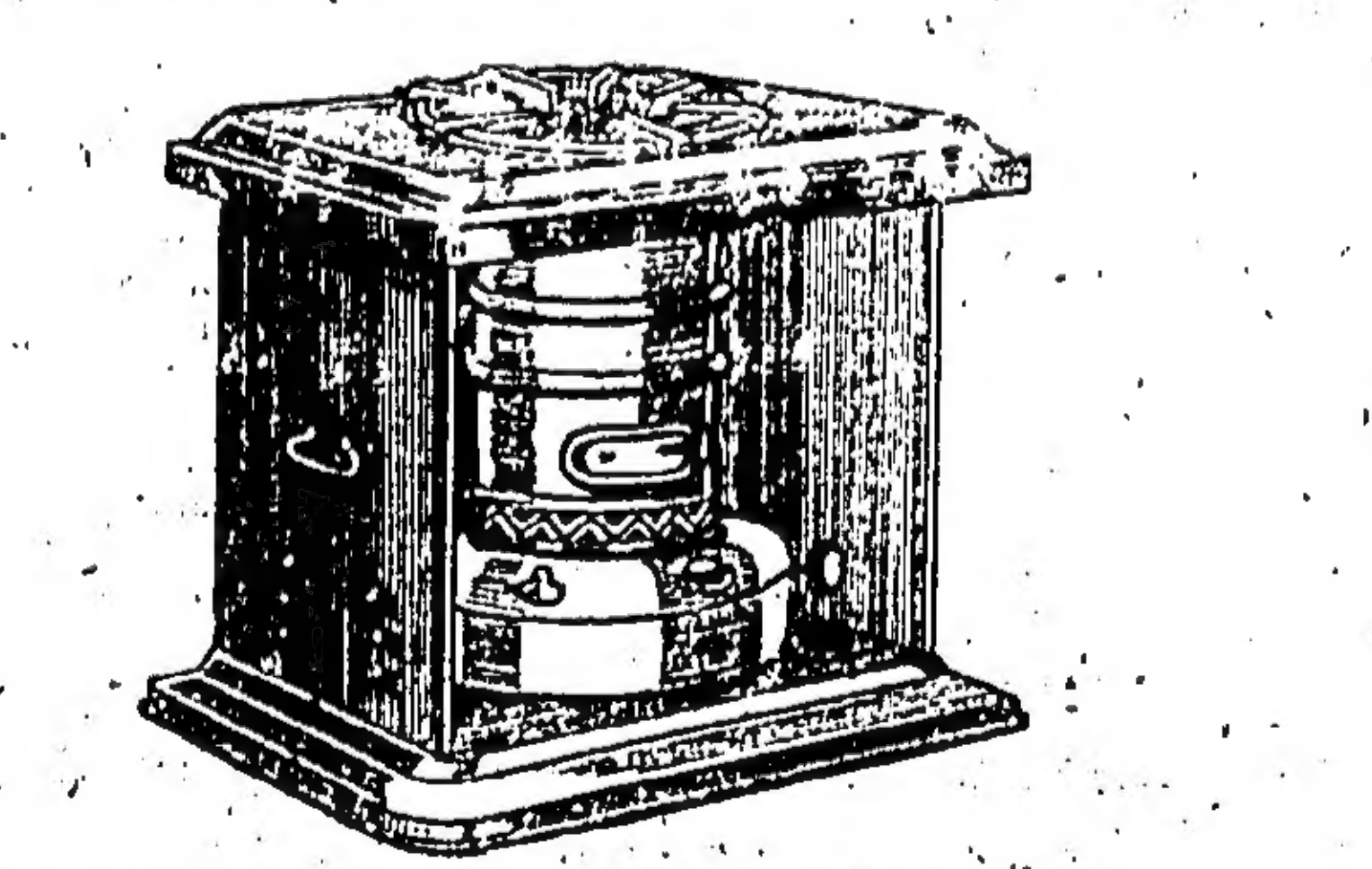
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Jewish Immigrants Killed In Haifa

Haifa, Apr. 15. Two male immigrants were killed on Sunday when a British naval party boarded the illegal Jewish immigrant ship "Theodore Herzl" carrying more than 2,000 passengers, which was towed into Haifa harbour this morning by a British destroyer.

The Jews were disembarked from the vessel quietly and without incident today, but have not yet started to board the ferry ships which will take them to Cyprus.

Depth charges were exploded in the port area of Haifa as a precaution against "frogmen," and a battalion of the Glider Regiment of the 6th Airborne Division stood by in case the terrorists attacked.

A spokesman of the ship said in the quayside that the two Jews died as a result of bullet wounds and injuries from a burning tear-gas grenade. Their flame-wrapped bodies lay on the deck of the "Theodore Herzl" when she berthed in Haifa harbour.

"Down With Bevin" Clinging to the rigging and lining the ship's side, the immigrants chanted "Down with Bevin's Government" as the ship came into harbour.

Paratroopers wearing steel helmets were on guard to deal with possible resistance from the immigrants, who at first refused to disembark, but after forty minutes' discussion shuffled meekly down the gangplank.

The first off were two babies carried by grinning paratroopers. The "Theodore Herzl" is reported to have sailed from Marseilles fourteen days ago.—Reuter.

Children's Book Flunk Test

Norman, Okla. Apr. 16. Many "good" children's books go unread because they are overladen with words far beyond the vocabulary age of the children for whom they were intended, a survey here discloses.

Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, director of the bureau of educational research at the University of Oklahoma, says his studies show readability of children's books, including some textbooks, might account for the offspring's turning to comic books.

Rinsland an authority on children's vocabularies, is the author of a book, "A Basic Vocabulary of Elementary School Children," which gives data on the number of times various words are used by children in the first eight grades.—United Press.

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17	Troops Combination	30	27	Coats for Helmets	173
18	Troops Combination	30	28	Coats for Helmets	173
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Chairman
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th April, 1947 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1946 to 31st December 1946 and for the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th April, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Monday the 28th day of April, 1947, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th April, 1947, to the 28th April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
the Board of Directors,

C. E. FERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

CENTRAL BRITISH ASSOCIATION

Former members of the Central British Association who have not yet re-registered their names for membership are asked to do so as early as possible.

Membership of the Association is open to all former pupils of the Central British School, (including the old Kowloon British and Victoria Schools). Any such former pupils who have not yet done so are also asked to send in their names and addresses immediately to the Hon. Secretary.

A RE-UNION DANCE

Will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, 2nd May. Tickets will only be available to registered members and their guests. Further details will be published shortly.

M. A. SHAND,
Hon. Secretary.
C/- Colonial Secretariat.

HONG KONG SINGERS

All former members of the Hong Kong Singers now resident in the Colony are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 21st April, 1947, in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Business: to consider the proposal to reform the society.

L. T. RIDE.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Belgian Ordinance dated the 14th of January 1947 releases from preclusion all persons who will have presented their claim for war damages subsequently to the 15th of January 1947, provided that their declaration be made before the end of the third month following the promulgation of the law proclaimed on reparation of war damages on private properties.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

There will be no service of cars between the hours 9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 17th April 1947 owing to the necessity of changing the steel cable.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON,
General Manager.

NOTICE

The dinner arranged at the suggestion of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council to afford the community an opportunity to pay a tribute to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G., and Lady Young in view of their impending departure from the Colony will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday 7th May 1947 at 8 p.m.

It will be noted that the dinner is open to both ladies and gentlemen.

Any member of the community who desires to attend should apply to any one of the following on or before Monday, 28th April 1947:—

The Hon. Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E., Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Prince's Building.

Mr. D. Rutledge, Duddell Street.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th April 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 17th April 1947.

By Order,
C. B. Brown
Secretary.

NOTICE

Subject to audit, the Directors of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company Limited will recommend at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the payment of a dividend at the rate of 75 cts. and a bonus of 25 cts., making \$1.00 in all, per share.

SOVIET DRAFT OF TREATY FOR GERMANY

London, Apr. 15.

The Soviet draft for a treaty for the de-militarisation of Germany and the prevention of German aggression in future, proposed by the Soviet delegation to the Council of Foreign Ministers, was broadcast by Moscow Radio tonight.

The preamble to the draft treaty said that in 1945 the Governments of the United States, Russia, Britain and France declared their intention to carry out complete disarmament and de-militarisation of Germany, and that this has already been done in a significant degree. "Nothing can prevent or hold up the completion of this matter."

The preamble continued: "It is imperative that Germany should never again threaten her neighbours."

Among other proposals, the Soviet draft suggests: 1. The German General Staff and Headquarters of all military and semi-military organisations be disbanded and cease to exist and their re-establishment in any form will not be permitted. 2. No military or semi-military organisations in any form or in disguise will be permitted to exist in Germany. 3. The manufacture and production of military equipment in Germany, as well as its importation, will be prevented. The four high contracting parties will prevent in future the production or importation of all ammunition, explosives, military equipment, military stores and supplies and other munitions of war of all kinds; all missile materials for any purpose except under conditions approved by the high contracting parties; all naval ships of all classes, surface ships as well as submarines; all aircraft of all description, equipment and instruments, as well as equipment for anti-aircraft defence. 4. The creation, utilisation or exploitation for military needs of any of the following will be prevented:—All military structures, installations and establishments, including military aerodromes, naval aviation bases, naval bases, military and naval stores, coast defences and fortresses.

Comment

Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent commenting on the Soviet proposals writes:—The Soviet amendments to the United States draft of a four-power pact to ensure long-term de-militarisation of Germany have broadened the scope of the proposed treaty to an extent unlikely to be acceptable to the British Government, it was believed by diplomatic observers in London today. Publication by the Soviet News Agency of the Soviet draft today makes it plain that the original proposals put forward in 1946 by Mr. Byrnes, when U.S. Secretary of State, have been re-written.

In the Soviet draft the period of validity of the treaty is raised from 25 to 40 years. Soviet Article 5 contains, however, two vital changes of the United States text. In the United States plan, the Control Commission is only charged with checking on the observance of disarmament and de-militarisation clauses. The Soviet draft extends the scope of this commission's enquiries to any breach of German obligations toward the Allies and so would presumably cover such matters as any trend to monopoly in German industry, and of the development of "undemocratic" activities.

The two drafts also differ significantly about the circumstances in which enforcement action which they agree may be with the aid of land, sea or air forces shall be taken. The United States draft specifies that such action shall be "by common agreement" but the Soviet draft by-passes the question of agreement, stating simply that the "high contracting parties will immediately report to the Security Council of the United Nations on measures which have been, or will be, taken."

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COMMUNIST DEFEATED

Rangoon, April 15.
U Tin Tut, Burmese High Commissioner-designate to London, scored an easy victory over the Communist candidate in the Constituent Assembly elections in the Henzada district, which is regarded as a Communist stronghold. It is announced here.

U Tin Tut, who stood as an Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League candidate, polled 9,164 votes to the Communist's 1,590. It is understood that U Tin Tut will not leave for London until the end of June, according to present plans.—Reuters.

The casualties were the result of collision between a military truck and a passenger bus after celebrating crowds blinded the drivers by throwing water at them. The festival will reach its climax tomorrow.—Reuters.

13 TONS OF U.S. GOLD

Shanghai, Apr. 15.
A shipment of 13 tons of American gold, purchased by order of former Premier T. V. Soong to regulate the "tempestuous gold market in February," is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai from the United States in mid-April, the local press reports. Local financial circles are speculating on the uses to which this large amount of gold is to be put, since the Government has closed the gold market under its emergency economic measures.—Associated Press.

Russian Interest In India

Paris, Apr. 16.
Russian interest in India is increasing with the British withdrawal, and the Indian question is being used in the Russian campaign against Great Britain, says the evening newspaper "Le Monde," which frequently reflects French Foreign Office views.

"It is certain," says the paper, "that since Britain is trying in vain to establish its relations with India on a new basis, the Soviet Government has more and more turned its eyes on that country."

It is largely the leftwing Hindu nationalist movement which desires a closer understanding with the USSR. One of the most eminent leaders of this group is Pandit Nehru.

"It is this national celebrity who is the most active advocate of the Soviet Union in India. Soviet-Indian friendship is only at its beginning and it has run into some lively resistance, but one need only spend a few weeks in Moscow to notice that the Indian theme appears more and more frequently in the press."

"Furthermore," the newspaper adds, "it figures there as one of the elements in the campaign against British imperialism."—Reuters.

Working Pattern For The Nation

New York, Apr. 16.
Great Britain, revealing the exceeding gravity of her economic position with promulgation of a drastic programme for export production by means of belt-tightening, is attempting to do by persuasion what others have tried through totalitarianism.

"We do not say that whether you like it or not you have got to go into the coal mine, or steel factory, or whatever it may be," says Sir Stafford Cripps, in commenting on what the government calls its "Working Pattern for the Nation."

"Instead, we try to induce employers and employees to conform to a pattern of industrial production in order to get the greatest benefits for the nation as a whole."

Export production 40 per cent above the pre-war level for 1947, ultimately 75 per cent above is the goal. Otherwise, says the government statement, "the foundations of our national life" will be at risk.

Labour's Role
Labour is asked to give up arrangements which restrict production, prices or employment; to postpone its hopes for shorter hours; to increase individual production; to hold over workers to their jobs beyond normal retirement; and to accept continued rationing along with all the British people.

Through this the hope is to attain coal, more production, more foreign exchange, and reverse conditions which will result this year in a \$1,400,000,000 government deficit.

Strict control of imports is planned, presumably holding down on consumer goods in favour of raw materials which can be exported as finished goods.—Associated Press.

Rangoon, Apr. 15.
Members of the Siamese delegation to the recently concluded Inter-Asian Conference at New Delhi are now visiting Rangoon as guests of the Burmese Government. They will attend a luncheon party at Government House on Thursday.—Reuters.

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DETECTIVE ON TRIAL

Aberdeen Bribe Case Allegations

Following allegations that he had demanded money from the "Kai Fongs" of Aberdeen, saying that it was for the Inspector, before a theatrical performance could be permitted, Tsan Wing-hong, a detective attached to the Aberdeen Police station, appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday charged with demanding \$1,500 with menaces or attempting to obtain that sum on May 27, 1946, at Aberdeen from Li King-lan.

Accused was defended by Mr. M. A. da Silva while the prosecution was conducted by Mr. Clifford, assisted by Mr. F. W. Shattain, senior Superintendent of Police.

Outlining his case, Mr. Clifford said:

"In February 1946, it was decided by the Kai Fongs of Aberdeen to hold a theatrical performance which is a customary performance held every year and lasting four to five days, and a match was entered for this purpose. Before the performance started, however, accused came to the shop of one Wong Chi-keung and said: 'Ah Wong, the Kai Fong want to hold a theatrical performance and the Inspector want \$300 a day. Wong Chi-keung was unwilling to pay but said that he would discuss the matter with the Kai Fongs and he therefore spoke to the Chairman (Li King-lan) and Vice-Chairman (Yung Poshui) of the Kai Fongs about this matter.'

"The following evening, accused came again to the shop and asked Wong Chi-keung if he had discussed the matter with the Kai Fongs. Wong replied that he had spoken to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Accused then went to the Sun Fa Chau restaurant and Wong went to get the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and took them to the restaurant where he introduced the accused to them. A discussion then took place about this payment.

"Mutual Good"

"The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Wong Chi-keung will be before the Court and will describe this discussion. During this discussion, accused claimed that the \$300 was to be given to the Inspector and that he was merely a middleman.

"The Kai Fongs objected to this payment on the grounds, firstly, that it was too much, and secondly, that it was impossible to account for the payment of such a sum in their books."

"Accused then pointed out that a theatrical performance had been stopped at Stanley and asked whether their functionaries wished to get into difficulties? Accused further stated that it would be to their mutual good to pay the money. In view of the fact that the accused is a policeman and that he was alleged to speak on behalf of the Police, it is not difficult to see what pressures was employed in this conversation and how he was trying to put pressure to bear on the payment of such a large sum, which was in no way due to the Police.

"Accused" then suggested that the Kai Fongs discuss the matter amongst themselves. Next morning a Committee Meeting of the Kai Fongs was held, at which meeting it was decided not to pay. Further, a letter was written to Sir Shouson Chow, whom Li King-lan went to see. On his return, a general meeting was called

of the Kai Fongs, and it was decided that an amount was to be made to the accused.

Too Public

"Evidently this policy of putting the whole subject under issue and in enlisting the support of all the Kai Fongs made the matter too public for the accused, and the enlisting of too powerful support made the accused decide to drop the matter, because on the second night of the performance, accused came to see Wong and said 'With reference to the \$300 a day, the Inspector understands and says there is no need to pay money.'

"The Prosecution therefore depends on the evidence of Wong, the Chairman, and the Vice-Chairman of the Kai Fongs. All these men are independent witnesses and none of them accomplices since they have all repeatedly refused to pay, and in the submission of the Prosecution none has an axe to grind, or any object in malice against the accused."

"Further, had their object been this, would they have dared to have called two full meetings of the Kai Fongs? This shows very plainly that they at least took the matter seriously and were not satisfying a private grudge."

Triad Society

"It is for the Prosecution to anticipate to a certain extent the case for the Defence and it appears from the cross-examination in the Lower Court that the Defence will allege a connection between Wong and a Triad Society members of which the accused had been and was, but in this case the Prosecution will not depend on the evidence of Wong, since he was only the person who introduced the accused to the Kai Fongs representatives."

TRUMAN ADVANCES A NEW PLAN

Washington, Apr. 15. President Truman today followed up his "quarantine Communism" proposal with a special message to Congress requesting authority to put an embargo on the shipment of American arms and other war-making materials to would-be aggressor states.

He warned that American weapons must never again be permitted to fall into the hands of a potential enemy and asked revision of the 1939 Neutrality Act to prevent a recurrence of the wide-open munitions traffic which helped to arm Japan for the attack on Pearl Harbour.

President Truman said that if war should ever again become imminent, it would be intolerable to "find ourselves in our present position of being bound by our own legislation to give aid and support to any power which might later attack us."

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OH, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, BOOTS!

WELL, THEN, WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?

OH, BRO-THE-R!

Disbelieved

A plea that he had brought his junk to Hong Kong for the first time, after a change of ownership, to get it licensed, was not accepted by Mr. J. Jolly, Marine Magistrate yesterday when he fined Chui Mun, the coxswain, \$100 for operating an unlicensed junk and \$50 for having no certificated engineer on board.

Sub-inspector Brown of the Water Police, prosecuting, said the junk was regularly on the run between Macao and Hong Kong evidently engaged in smuggling, and it was apprehended off Tsan Wan the morning of April 15.

ANOTHER "FRIEND"

Arrested by Detective Cheng Ming in the act of offering four KCR third class tickets for sale at \$10 each at 7:15 a.m. yesterday, to Kai-cheung was later in the morning fined \$75 by Mr. W. H. Latimer. Defendant's plea was that he bought for tickets for "a friend" and that he did not offer them for sale.

BAIL ESTREATED

Chun Pak, 37, of 111-Des Voeux Road Central, failed to appear in Court following a case in which he was charged with having 210 boxes of stolen rings on board the s.s. "Van Heutz" and not declaring them on the manifest, and trying to export prohibited exports. Defendant's \$250 bail was estreated.

and there can be no connection between the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Kai Fongs and the Triad Society.

"Further, accused has produced a document which the Prosecution will allege is a bogus document; and which the Defence in their cross-examination seek to show was a subscription list of the members of the Triad Society, who had been banished."

"The Prosecution will produce the persons named in the list, who will state that at no time have they subscribed to any such document."

After evidence by Li King-lan, the hearing was adjourned till this morning.

Assault In Court: Couple Bound Over

A case in which a rice dealer, his wife and folk were charged with assaulting Cheung Ki-cheung, clerk of Mr. Sheldon's Court, on March 11, came to an end at Central yesterday when they were bound over in the sum of \$50 each for 12 months by Mr. Sainsbury.

The alleged assault took place in Court following a case in which the couple were ordered to return a four-year-old child, whom they had cared for since June, 1945, to his natural mother.

Following police action charging the defendants with assaulting Cheung, the woman defendant issued a cross-summons of assault against the court clerk.

Representing the defendants, Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios yesterday told His Worship that he had now been instructed to withdraw the summons and to plead technically guilty on their behalf.

Mr. Remedios said a reprimand from the Magistrate would serve the purpose, as the couple had been terribly upset by Mr. Sheldon's judgment against them.

On behalf of his clients, Mr. Remedios also apologised to the Crown and the Court.

Remarking that in view of the fact that the clerk did not receive serious injuries, Mr. Sainsbury said that he would bind them over for 12 months to keep peace and good order.

The defendants were Chiu Luk-hin, rice dealer, his wife, Lee Yuen-tai, and his folk, Chiu Ming, all of 40 Cross Street.

HEALTH RETURN

Health returns for the period April 6th-12th show that in Hong Kong there were 66 cases (34 deaths) of tuberculosis, 55 cases (5 deaths) of cerebro-spinal meningitis, 9 cases (4 deaths) of malaria, 2 cases (1 death) of relapsing fever and 1 case (1 death) of smallpox.

Deaths from ill-causes totalled 249 and births registered totalled 602.

TO BE MARRIED

The forthcoming weddings are announced as:—
Mr. Robert Stanley Russell, Managing Director of Roy Farrell Export and Import Company, to Miss Margarita Vassilieva, living at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. Carlos Francis Xavier Marcal, 23A Cameron Road, 2nd floor, to Miss Gloria Maria Gomes, 10 Austin Avenue.

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ANOTHER MOSCOW DEADLOCK

Marshall Rejects Molotov's Proposals

Luciano Still Kept "On Ice"

Genoa, Apr. 15. Charles "Lucky" Luciano, New York's former white slave and narcotics boss, today began his fourth day "on ice" in Marzani Prison with the strengthening belief that the Italian authorities are holding him incommunicado in Genoa to keep him out of their hair until after the Sicilian election next Sunday.

It was learned today at the prison where Luciano is reading library novels in his private cell that the order for his arrest and indefinite imprisonment in Genoa came from Dr. Giuseppe Messara, Inspector-General of Police at Palermo, Sicily.

His ultimate destination is Lercara Fredi, his native village near Palermo.

With a dozen top political leaders already in Sicily and others scheduled to go there (including Premier Alcide De Gasperi) and trouble almost certainly during Sunday's voting,

"In Effect, No Four-Power Treaty"

Moscow, Apr. 15. Today's discussion in the Council of Foreign Ministers on the United States proposal for a four-power treaty to keep Germany disarmed ended in complete deadlock. The Ministers passed on without agreement to the next item on the agenda—the four-power coal report of Allied experts.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, General Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, and Mr. Bevin, spoke on the report. The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, will speak tomorrow when the debate on coal will be resumed.

When today's session opened, General Marshall replied to Russia's suggested amendments of his plan for a four-power treaty to keep Germany disarmed. He declared that M. Molotov's suggestions would completely alter the scope and purpose of the treaty.

Dr. Messara apparently feels enough on his hands without having to worry about Luciano's arrival.—United Press.

Hong Kong Students In London

Miss Daphne Ho and Miss Dorothy Lee, both from Hong Kong, are among the large number of students from the Colonies now attending courses in the London School of Economics, Aldwych.

Miss Lee, secretary to the Hong Kong Welfare Council, did a lot of work on behalf of the dependants of prisoners-of-war and civil internees. She is studying social science and is especially interested in youth organizations, delinquency and social security schemes. She is also taking a course in Colonial health and nutrition problems.

Miss Ho's studies include economics, psychology, public health, education, youth organizations, delinquency and social security schemes. She has been engaged on case and relief work in Hong Kong.

The range of subjects taught at the school includes economics, commerce, banking, industry and transport; statistics; political science and administration; sociology, social anthropology (including Colonial administration); social science and administration; social economic history; law in all its aspects; criminology; international affairs and history; geography; psychology; demography; logic; scientific method; and modern languages.

U.S. Appeal For Tariff Reduction

Geneva, April 15. Clair Wilcox, of the United States delegation called upon the International Trade Conference today to begin negotiations for the reduction of tariffs "With the greatest possible dispatch."

He was speaking on behalf of Will Clayton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State. Wilcox told the delegates of 18 nations that the United States was "prepared itself to proceed with tariff negotiations" on a "reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis."

No country would be expected to grant concessions unilaterally without action by the others, Wilcox said. Nor would any nation be expected to grant concessions to others which were not adequately counterbalanced by concessions in return, he said.—Associated Press.

SEX PROBLEM OUT OF HAND

London, Apr. 14. The Rev. Brian Green told his Holy Trinity Church congregation last night that the morals of American students were deplorable—as bad as the nation's educational system.

The Rev. Green declared that sexual intimacy between high school students was "very common" and that it was "suggested" that at least 90 per cent of the male students and 70 per cent of the women students at State universities had "non-marital sexual relations."

The sex problem, he said, was only one of many caused by coeducation.—United Press.

Socialism In India?

New Delhi, April 15. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, vice president of the Interim Indian Government declared today most people in India "passionately desire" to see nationalization of Indian industries and said "a measure of control is bound to come."

"I have no doubt in my mind that in theory complete nationalization is desirable," Nehru said in a speech here. "But practically it is difficult. Some measure of control is bound to come when there is a planned economy. I do not want to interfere with private industry but if you are going to plan even private industry must function within the plan."—Associated Press.

The name of Mr. Imam Din, who was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's honours list, 1946, was omitted from the list re-published yesterday.

BOMBSHELL BREAKS RECORD

New York, Apr. 16. With half an hour's gas supply in the tanks, Milton Reynolds' Bombshell made a triumphant landing here shortly after midnight EST after an historic record-breaking round-the-world flight of 78 hours, 55 minutes and 56 seconds. The landing was timed at 5.06 a.m. GMT by Mr. Kenneth Dehr, manager of LaGuardia Field.

The plane crashed 12 hours, 18 minutes and four seconds from the 91 hours and 14 minutes mark set by Howard Hughes in 1938 over a route 6,000 miles shorter.

On the last lap, the plane ran into its first real trouble when it battled ice and fog between Minneapolis and Detroit. "I was worried sick," the multi-millionaire "pop-manufacturer" said. "We had ice and fog all the way to Detroit."

He said he would not make the same trip again "for a hundred million dollars."

Reynolds was about exhausted after over three days and nights without sleep. He said he had taken turns at flying the plane from Tokyo onward but Capt. William Odom made all landings and take offs.

"I had a hard time keeping Odom awake, even for the New York landing," Reynolds said.

Over The Hump

Odom said the trip's toughest part was flying over the Hump on the Calcutta-Shanghai leg at night. He said the fastest time the Bombshell hit was 420 miles per hour over the North Atlantic. Odom said the smoothest part was from Tokyo to Adak and then to Edmonton and Alberta.

Reynolds, in answer to a question why he made the trip, said: "I just wanted to set a record."

Bad luck rode the trial of the Bombshell around the world, breaking the radio in mid-Atlantic, losing a tirewheel at Cairo and burning out a heater and emptying the oxygen supply halfway across North America, but the plane performed perfectly. The motors were still purring smoothly when she rolled to a stop in front of LaGuardia Field's administration building.—United Press.

Greek Army On Move Again

Athens, Apr. 15.

The Greek Army is on the move again against the guerillas in Thessaly after a two-day snowstorm which, on balance, has been an advantage to the guerilla army, an army spokesman said tonight.

He used the word "civil war" for the first time in referring to the anti-guerilla operations. He said that certified rebel casualties were so far 130 killed, seven wounded, 98 taken prisoner and five surrendered. The army casualties were two officers and five soldiers killed and five soldiers wounded.

Rebel casualties in other parts of Greece during the past fortnight were 107 killed, 24 wounded, 34 taken prisoner and 71 surrendered. Army casualties were seven killed and 37 wounded.

The rebel casualties did not include those inflicted by the Greek Air Force which, the spokesman said, had been very heavy, although not yet determined.—Reuter.

Troop Planes Force-Land

Manassas, April 15.

Five French Junker-52 planes, carrying French reinforcements for Madagascar, were forced to make an emergency landing at Port Reitz aerodrome here tonight, owing to a severe tropical storm. There was no damage nor casualties.

Meanwhile, it is learned from Tananarive, Madagascar, that religious services for the Europeans killed in the past week of uprisings in the island were held today at the Catholic Cathedral and the Protestant temple in Tananarive, the capital.

The services were attended by the French High Commissioner and the Commanding General of the French Forces on the island.—Reuter.

Early Decision Wanted

London, April 16.

"Financial" Times

writes:—

While Britain is not bound by the Washington agreement to reach agreements with creditor countries on sterling balances issued by any set date there are very good reasons why a decision on this matter should be reached as soon as possible and preferably before mid-July when the sterling convertibility clauses of the Washington loan are due to come into force.

The India's case, an early decision is particularly urgent. Even if it proves impossible during the coming talks to reconcile Indian and United Kingdom viewpoints it will at least be possible for both sides to go ahead with the necessary adjustments in their respective foreign exchange policies.

So far as this country is concerned, this is obvious that whatever decision is reached about the ultimate liquidation of sterling balances it will not be possible to permit India to finance current trade on the scale of the past 18 months. The growth of India's average trade balance has hit this country in two ways.

Dollar Dip

Firstly, it has not contributed a single dollar to the solution of our exchange problem. Surplus of exports to India, which might have produced hard exchange had it been disposed of elsewhere, has been reflected only in a decline of Britain's indebtedness to India. Secondly, Britain has had to dip into her dwindling dollar reserve to finance the growing gap between India's imports from U.S. and her exports to the dollar area.

Even if an agreement is reached over the ultimate liquidation of the sterling debt, India will doubtless be asked to reduce her drawings on sterling reserves after July 15.

If an agreement is not reached, Britain will have to introduce machinery to ensure that drawings do not exceed the rate which this country can comfortably stand.—Reuter.

Chinese Deported From Manila

Manila, April 16.

Lim Seng, Chinese merchant whom the deportation board today found guilty of collaboration and espionage for the Japanese, has been ordered sent out of the country by President Manuel Roxas.

The board said Lim betrayed Filipinos and Chinese to the Japanese Kempeitai.

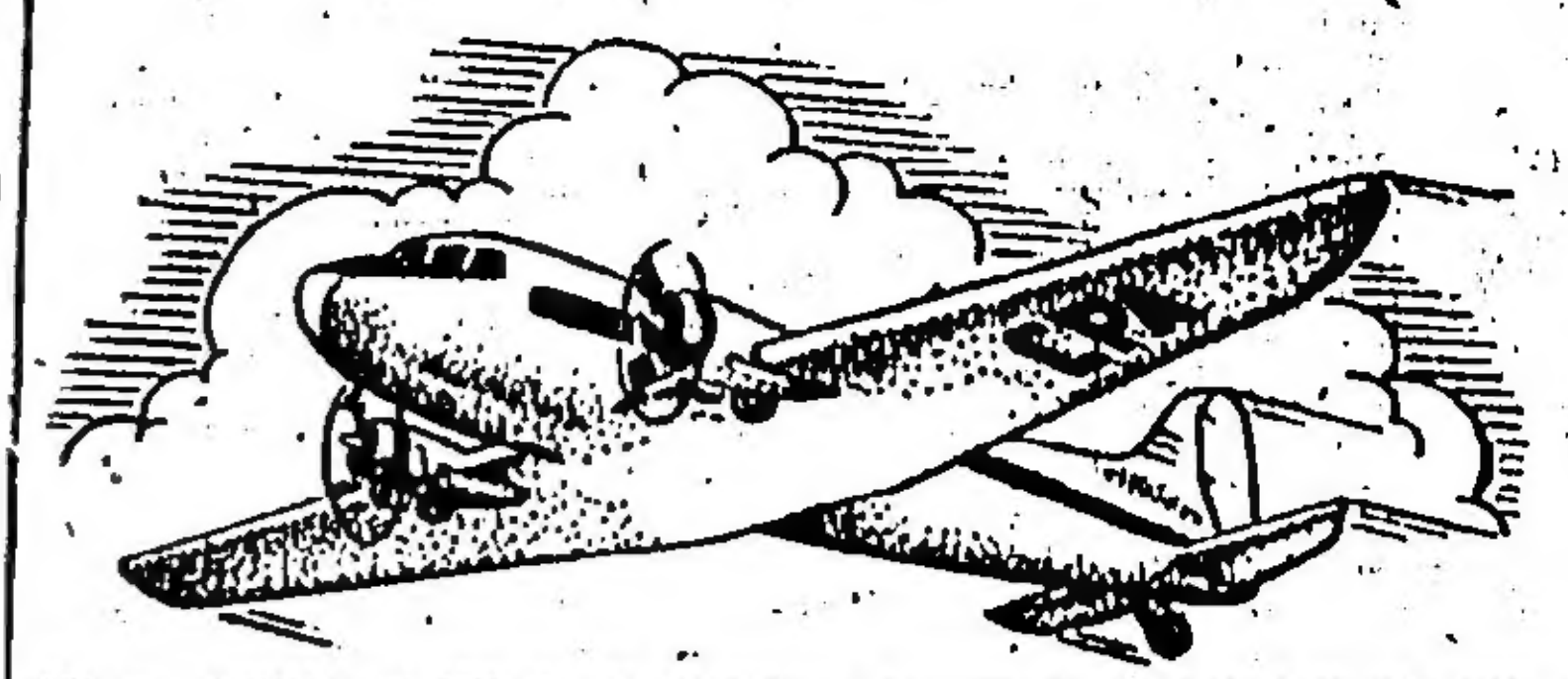
Ko Chi-pak, who was accused of economic collaboration, was acquitted for lack of evidence. Hearing are being held by the board in a case against Max Kummer, President of the German Club of Manila for 12 years.

Testimony was offered yesterday by prosecution witness Edward Huenefeldt, former German official, to prove the charges that he had collaborated with the Japanese and actively aided the Axis.—Associated Press.

Ball of \$100, was estimated when Lam Sing, 52, one of s.s. "Van Heutz" failed to appear in Central Court yesterday before Mr. Sheldon. Defendant was charged with trying to export 25 baskets of opium lamps, a prohibited export.

The final dress rehearsal of the K.C.C. presentation of "Worm's Eye View" is being staged this evening. The play opens at the K.C.C. tomorrow evening, and will be performed again on Saturday evening, and Saturday evening, April 20.

The following names have been added to the wined priority list:—A. Emily Wakefield, 133D—E. M. Campbell, 270C—Eva Harriet Reveler.



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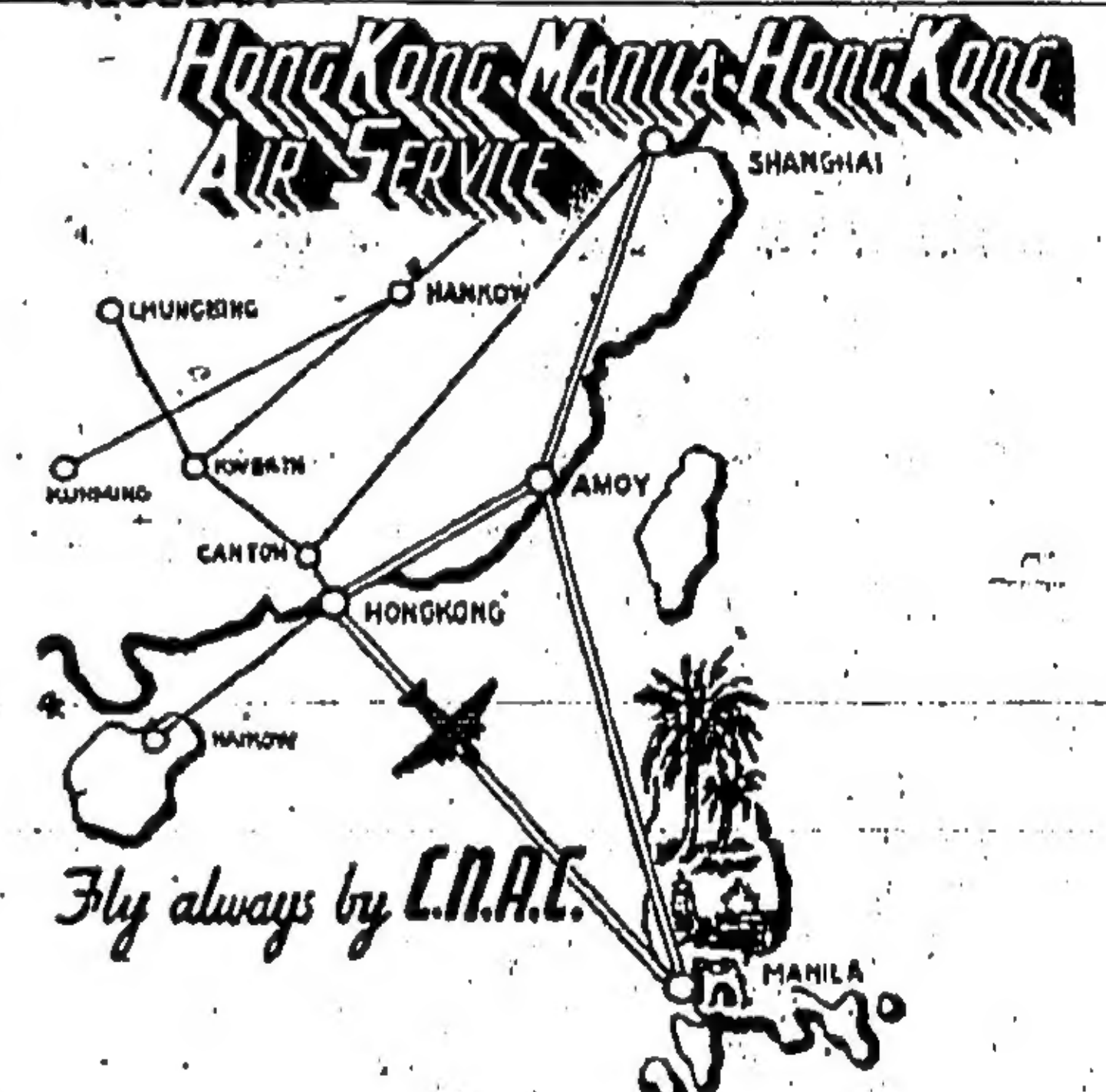
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Chan Ming Kwai, 25, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at Central yesterday on a charge of trying to export 30 packets of penicillin and five lengths of woollen material and not declaring the goods on the manifest list. The penicillin was ordered to be confiscated and the material was given back to the defendant.

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(Contributed)

A young missionary arriving in Hong Kong for the first time was heard to remark, "Well, if it's true that there was universal expectation all over the Orient at the time of the Birth of Christ it certainly is true of the present time that there is universal expectation!"

There is only too much truth in that would-be evangelical wisecrack. Promiscuous spitting in public places is so prevalent that it is almost taken for granted. It may astonish readers to know that spitting is prohibited by law in Hong Kong! True! It's a fact! I am not joking.

Section 3 of the Summary Ordinance reads:

"Every person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$250 who without lawful authority or excuse" does this, that and the other thing, ending finally with "in or into public place or vehicle or ferry or any building to which the public have access, SPITS" except into a receptacle or channel for sewage, sullage or waste water". There you are. You may look it up for yourself.

You may then most reasonably ask, "Well, why isn't something done about it?" The reason is this. The anti-spitting legislation was passed in 1940 and it was decided at that time to give the population one year of grace and education before beginning to enforce the new law. Before the year was up we had a visit from some creatures with rather different views and ways.

Pressing Matters

Since they left, the Health Department has been somewhat busily engaged with rather more pressing matters such as cholera and small-pox, scavenging and getting re-organized and re-equipped and such like matters. It was decided to give the populace yet one more year of grace but that year is now up.

From now on, the gentleman who spits in front of an officer of the Health Department is liable to be smartly tapped on the shoulder and handed over to the nearest Police Officer or escorted to the nearest Police Station, for under the same ordinance all officers of the Health Department have powers of summary arrest in these matters.

It is, of course, doubtful if the maximum fine of \$250 will be imposed for a first offence, but think how annoying it will be to be arrested for spitting in public if one happens to be in a hurry for an important appointment or is meeting the girl friend!

Anti-T.B. Day

Also I rather rather than our public address vans will be rather loudly and blatantly drawing public attention to the habits of certain unfortunate offenders caught in the act all day today, which happens to be "Anti-spitting and Anti-tuberculosis Day" in this Health Week Campaign. We hope that the annoyance and humiliation will have the desired salutary effect, but if not a fine not exceeding \$250 can be imposed on conviction.

Of course my readers all know that spitting spreads disease. In Hong Kong we also wish to impress people with the fact that spitting spoils one's name and labels one both crude and rude. But spitting does spread disease. Most people know that spitting is somehow vaguely connected with tuberculosis. It most certainly is.

Tuberculosis causes a great deal of destruction in the chest and the unfortunate patient is constantly forced to get rid of large collections of poisonous fluids by coughing and spitting. This foul discharge is usually teeming with tuberculosis germs and when the moisture in the spit dries out, these germs mix with the dust and blow about with the breeze and generally manage to get breath-

In The Air

But it isn't only tuberculosis that can be spread by spittle. The germs of pneumonia, measles, whooping-cough, diphtheria, influenza, and meningitis, which is threatening to become epidemic in Hong Kong just now, and many others can also be spread in spittle. True, some of these die fairly quickly if dried up, unlike tuberculosis, which is astonishingly tough and hard to kill, but little drops of spittle can float about in the air for quite a time before they dry out, and can therefore be just as deadly as dust.

Coughing freely and heartily in a picture house or bus is quite the best way to spread any of those diseases. It is kinder, more thoughtful, and more respectable to cough and spit into a handkerchief if you must.

Now, even Health Authorities realize that spitting cannot always be avoided. George Bernard Shaw goes so far as to advocate it as a perfectly healthy practice much to be preferred to swallowing poisons—which may be the only alternative—and does not hesitate to rub that into the spitting prohibition experts. He is quite right, of course.

Not A Crime

Spitting, in itself, is not a crime. It depends how and where one spits. If you must spit, then spit in a safe and unobjectionable manner. The main danger lies in the spittle drying and blowing about as dust. Therefore always try to spit into a receptacle containing water, preferably with a little disinfecting fluid added if possible or into a running flow of waste water not likely to dry off, or into the sea if you can be sure that it will get there and not blow back as usually happens if one tries to spit over the side of a ship.

Filling that handkerchief are not unobtainable, and make quite good temporary receptacles and even a bit of newspaper will serve if promptly burnt or otherwise effectively destroyed afterwards. There is really no excuse for spitting on the pavement.

I have seen some spitting carefully into the side channels of the streets. That at least shows some advance and a developing sense of decency and presumably the scavenging carts will come along shortly and sweep away the unsightly job, but, unless the channel contains water, there is little advantage from the public health point of view. It is wiser to make use of these grids that are to be found at frequent intervals along most of our side channels and at every corner.

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"General Gordon" In Rescue Drama

(By Barbara Price)

The American President Lines passenger liner "General Gordon," which figured in a dramatic mid-Pacific sea rescue last month, is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow.

The "Gordon," with Captain Henry Nelson in command, picked up six members of the crew of the "Fotr Dearborn" on March 14 after the freighter had split in two during a raging gale. Receiving a distress message from the "Dearborn," the A. P. L. liner, with 1,337 commercial passengers and crew on board, bound for San Francisco, picked up the stranded bow section by radar. When she reached it, the bow was up at an angle, the bridge partially submerged.

The six members of the crew trapped on the fore part of the ship had maintained visual contact with the stern section for several hours but the latter, escorted by another vessel, had managed to proceed under its own power. First rescue attempts resulted in a lifeboat capsizing in the heavy seas. One of the "Gordon's" crew suffered a broken leg but all eight returned safely to the ship.

Officers directing the rescue were forced to abandon operations until the storm decreased in intensity. Joined by a second ship, the "St. Johns Victory," the big liner stood by until dawn on the second day, when operations were resumed. Success in reaching the stranded crew was finally achieved after a difficult joint manoeuvre by the two ships. Providing a lee for the derelict,

"BELPAMELA" SUNK

St. John's, Newfoundland, Apr. 15.

Planes of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force were taking part today in a search for the Norwegian steamer which sank after the sinking of the ship the "Belpamela" on Friday.

Search and rescue planes set off from airfields at Argentia and Harmon Field, Newfoundland, at dawn today for a region about 100 miles from St. John's in an effort to locate the shipwrecked steamer believed to be on the high seas in a lifeboat.

Towards noon today the search was extended with the United States Navy at Bermuda sending up three aircraft.—Reuter.

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Call For Peace

New Delhi, Apr. 15.

The Viceroy's Office tonight issued a peace appeal to India's warring communities, signed by Mahatma Gandhi and the Moslem leader, Mohammed Ali Jinnah.

An official announcement said the appeal was issued at the request of the Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten.

The appeal said:—"We deeply deplore the recent acts of lawlessness and violence which have brought the utmost disgrace to the fair name of India and the greatest misery to the Indian people, irrespective of who were the aggressors and who the victims."

"We denounce for all time the use of force to achieve political ends and we call on all communities of India, to whatever persuasion they may belong, not only to refrain from all acts of violence and disorder but also to avoid in speech and writing any incitement to such acts."—United Press.

Appeal Endorsed

New Delhi, Apr. 16.

Representatives of all religious communities in the Upper House of the Indian National Legislature endorsed the appeal for the end of communal strife, issued last night by Gandhi and Jinnah.

All New Delhi papers prominently displayed the appeal on their front pages and the pro-Congress "Hindustan Times" gave it an editorial blessing.—Associated Press.

CHINA'S PARTY AGREEMENT

Nanking, Apr. 16.

The Minister of Information, Mr. Feng Szu-chai, told a press conference today that the twelve-point inter-party agreement embodying the principles for the administration of the reorganized government will be published tomorrow.

In its meeting today, the Central Standing Committee of the Kuomintang passed the draft programme with only minor changes in its wording.—Reuter.

LIDICE DEATH SENTENCE

London, April 15.

Harald Wisemann, head of the Gestapo at Kladno, was sentenced to death by the Prague court today as the man responsible for destruction of the village of Lidice, the Prague radio said. The Lidice massacre occurred on June 10, 1942, following the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, Deputy Protector of Bohemia and Moravia.—Reuter.

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Woodcock SENSATIONAL FIRST ROUND DECIDES

London, Apr. 15. Joe Baksi, of America, beat Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, at Harringay Arena tonight, the referee stopping the fight in the seventh round of their scheduled ten round contest.

Baksi has thus earned the right to challenge his compatriot Joe Louis for the world heavyweight title. The referee stopped the fight in the seventh round when it was obvious that the Briton was in too bad a condition to continue.

There was a sensational opening to the bout when, after a few seconds studying each other, Baksi waded in and with a terrific right swing to the jaw dropped Woodcock. He could have risen at four, but waited to nine to regain his feet.

Scouting a kill, the American went after him, swinging right and left and a smashing right to the head, which flattened Woodcock's head. He was almost unconscious and but for the bell, which struck almost on the stroke of ten, would certainly have been counted out.

Woodcock's seconds, with smelling salts and water, worked madly on the British idol during the interval, but he was still in poor shape when he came out for the second round and was quickly sent to the boards for two counts of nine.

Hours before the final eliminating contest for the heavyweight championship of the world was due to start, all roads to the stadium were blocked with traffic, converging from all corners of Britain. Ticket touts had a thin time as demand far exceeded supply, even at the top price of 20 guineas, and there were very few to sell.

Betting swung to even as the fight approached, with many fans fancying a drawn bout at long odds of 15 to one.

Both boxers confidently predicted wins for themselves and entered the ring for what was the outstanding fight of their careers—the honour of meeting Joe Louis for the world title—with great hopes of success.

Among the notables at the ringside were Mr. Emanuel Shrewsbury, Minister of Fuel and Power, and the Duke of Norfolk, premier duke of England. There were many strikingly dressed women present.

The boxers stepped into the ring at 7.30 p.m.—25 minutes late. Baksi first, followed by Woodcock. The British champion wore blue shorts with purple piping and the American black with red waist band.

Fight Opens

The fight opened in sensational fashion, Woodcock being sent to the boards for the counts of nine and eight, and only being saved from a knock out by the bell.

Coming out for the second round, Baksi went after his man like tiger and had the reeling Yorkshireman down for two more counts of nine with left and right swings to the head. But Woodcock weathered the storm in amazing fashion and although bespattered with blood he was still on his feet at the end of the round.

The first blow was a fierce left to the jaw, which staggered the Yorkshireman. The second caught him above his right eye and sent him thundering to the boards. Another fierce right to the jaw had Woodcock completely flattened when the bell rang. His seconds dragged him half unconscious to his corner, where they worked feverishly on him.

Third Round
Boxing with indomitable grit and courage, Woodcock, with blood streaming from both eyes—cut under his right and a gash over his left—was not afraid to mix blows in the third round with the rugged American. His boxing skill stood him in fine stead and he landed two fierce jabs to Baksi's face, one of which opened a small cut over the American's left eye.

Disappoints

ANTI-FRANCO MANIFESTO

Lisbon, Apr. 16. A manifesto signed by the Duke of Aveiro and in the name of the Spanish nobility was issued today protesting against the succession to the Spanish throne planned by Generalissimo Franco. (United Press.)

An Easy Win

At Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday Land Forces beat Hong Kong University by nine wickets in a friendly cricket game.

H.K.U.C.C.

T. Lo, b Russell	0
Eric Ho, b Russell	14
L.T. Ride, lbw, b Russell	6
S.A. Vannar, b Russell	1
T.H. Lean, b Russell	13
H. Amann, & Whitehorn, b Russell	1
T. Russell	1
G.H. Endacott, not out	2
S.G. Low, b Russell	0
W. Ou, b Russell	0
E. Low St. Whitehorn, b Sykes	0
Extras	11
Total	52

Land Forces

Nicholls, b Vannar	15
Avison, not out	21
Lang, c and b Ride	16
Russell not out	28
Extras	13
Total (for 2 wks.)	101

K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a cricket match against the Hong Kong University at the KCC on Sunday next starting at 11 a.m.
F. R. Zimmern (Capt.), C. I. Stapleton, A. Zimmern, P. E. Lawrence, C. Pope, V. C. Bond, V. H. White, Dr. Willis, J. C. Fenton, L. R. Burch and K. M. Baxter.

American Baseball Openers

New York, Apr. 15. Today's Major League baseball games follow:

American League

Philadelphia Athletics	R. H. E.
New York Yankees	0 10 0
Athletics: pitcher, Marchildon; catcher, Bosar.	
Yankees: pitcher, Chandler; catcher, Lyons; catcher, Robinson.	

Washington Senators	0 9 0
Cleveland Indians	7 15 0
Senters: pitcher, Wynn; catcher, Evans.	
Red Sox: pitcher, Hughson; catcher, Johnson; catcher, Wagner.	

Chicago White Sox	2 10 0
Cleveland Indians	0 0 2
White Sox: pitcher, Lopat; catcher, Fresh.	
Indians: pitcher, Feller; Wolf; catcher, Hegann.	

Detroit Tigers	7 11 0
St. Louis Browns	0 4 2
Tigers: pitcher, Newhouse; catcher, Tebbets.	
Browns: pitcher, Galehouse; catcher, Zolnick; catcher, Moss.	

National League

Boston Braves	3 6 5
Brooklyn Dodgers	6 0 1
Braves: pitcher, Sain, Cooper; catcher, Lufkin; catcher, Masi.	
Dodgers: pitcher, Hatten; catcher, Gregg; catcher, Edwards, Bragan.	

New York Giants	3 6 5
Philadelphia Phillies	4 8 0
Giants: pitcher, Voiselle; catcher, Cooper.	
Phillies: pitcher, Rowe; catcher, Semick, Hemsley.	

St. Louis Cardinals	1 3 0
Cincinnati Reds	3 9 0
Cardinals: pitcher, Pollet; catcher, Garagiola.	
Reds: pitcher, Blackwell; catcher, Lammanno.	

Pittsburgh Pirates	1 5 0
Chicago Cubs	0 5 0
Pirates: pitcher, Sewell; catcher, Jarvis.	
Cubs: pitcher, Borowy; catcher, Schelling. (United Press.)	

Big Crowds At U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 16. Major League baseball's New Year's Day saw some exciting performances by rookies and oldsters alike before record opening day crowds, the eight openings drawing a total of 245,000—over 8,000 better than the 1946 total.

The American League drew a total crowd of 129,422 and the National League 116,637. An all-time record of 55,014 attended the Cleveland Indians v Chicago White Sox opener at Cleveland where the crowd hoped to see Bob Feller pitch another no-hit, no-run game as he did against the White Sox on opening day in 1940. But today he lost and the glory belonged to Eddie Lopat, for whom it was the tenth victory in 11 tries over the Indians.

In Cincinnati, a crowd of 33,384—the best attendance in the National League—saw the Reds drop champion St. Louis Cardinals. Fans saw sophomore Ewell Blackwell, who here, beat the Cardinals three to one on three hits.

Chicago Cubs Hank Greenberg, playing in the first game as a National League, smashed a sixth-inning double to give Pittsburgh Pirates a 1-0 victory. (United Press.)

Newmarket, Apr. 15. At the Newmarket Races today £9,000 to £3,000 was laid against Pettition winning the Two Thousand Guineas, while 100 to eight was laid against the French colt Parialien. The Street was backed at £15,000 to £600 for the Derby. (United Press.)

His Excellency the Governor, the Colony's Chief Scout, is to inspect a parade of boy scouts on Saturday at 2 p.m.

JAP. DISASTER

Tokyo, Apr. 16. More than 35 Japanese were killed and about the same number injured when a three-car train caught fire inside a tunnel between Nara and Osaka today.

The fire was blamed to an overloaded motor on the electric train. (United Press.)

Telephone Strike Continues

Washington, Apr. 15. National telephone strike negotiations collapsed when the striking unions and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company rejected the Government formula to settle the nine-day walk-out by arbitration.

The Secretary of Labor, Mr. Schwelb, announced the failure of the plan through which he had hoped to produce a back-to-work agreement between the Company and 336,000 Bell system strikers.

It had called for arbitration of six of the Union's ten major demands, including a bid for a US\$12 weekly pay raise and 48 hours of intensive negotiations on the other four points.

Both sides left their negotiations and thus left the door open for another try by Government conciliation experts. But for the moment, at least, negotiations are back where they started on the strike's outbreak on April 7.

The Company said it could not accept any plan which would lay the strike issues open to national arbitration with a single award covering all the widely-scattered Bell system employees.

The union said Mr. Schwelb's proposal would mean arbitration on a regional basis and, therefore, it was unacceptable to the NFW. (United Press.)

Court Refuses To Re-Open Case

An application by Mr. Comber for re-hearing of the case against two sampan-men and a woman, convicted on April 9 on a charge of assaulting a ship's watchman and sentenced to six months' hard labour, was refused by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Comber said that his application was based on the ground that further evidence had been obtained from (1) an entirely independent witness, and (2) other persons, to the effect that complainant was not dragged into the sampan but went on board voluntarily.

It was during the general brawl resulting from the complainant's assault on Kwok Chit-lai that the watchman was himself assaulted said Counsel. Evidence would be produced, he continued Mr. Comber, that it was Tam Hang-let who struck the first blow.

Mr. Comber went on to say that five prostitutes, who were on board the "Empire Razorbill" that night, would state that they had to pay \$5 each for permission to go on board. His Worship remarked that had nothing whatsoever with the case.

The applicants, said His Worship, were convicted on the clearest possible evidence—evidence which he had considered most carefully. There was no doubt whatever that a most dastardly assault had been made on the watchman.

It was immaterial, ruled His Worship, whether the watchman was dragged into the sampan or went on board voluntarily. But evidence had been given by the complainant, and corroborated by a witness, that the man was dragged by his trousers by some women on board the sampan onto the craft and there beaten up with an iron bar by So Yung-sing and Kwok Chit-lai.

He was medically examined and a covering certificate was produced at the trial, continued Mr. Latimer. Furthermore, the Court was shown the marks of injuries on his body.

On Mr. Comber saying that he could produce a new witness, the master of another junk, to testify as to what really happened, His Worship asked: "Also carrying prostitutes?"

DOUBLES TENNIS FINAL Tsui Brothers Retain Title

Playing confidently from the start and concentrating on Paul Kong most of the game, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui retained their Open Doubles tennis title when they beat Yip Koon-hong and Paul Kong in the Final yesterday in straight sets, 6-2, 8-6 and 6-4, at the Cricket Club before a dense crowd.

Yip was the outstanding player. In the sixth game, Yip and Kong with a number of good volleys, won to lead 4-2. Yip came into the picture soon after with good all round play for the pair to lead 5-3.

Half of the games in the third set went to Yip and some several times. Yip and Kong again took the lead early at 3-1, but the Tsui took three in a row for 4-3. Two hard earned points by Kong enabled the losers to level at four all, and with a Tsui saving, the next game went to the champions after a close.

The Tsui led in the first set by two games to nil, but Yip and Kong brought the score level, only to fall off badly in the games following and, mainly through errors at the net, lost 6-2. The second set was keenly contested. At one stage Yip and Kong led 5-3; they were on level terms at 5 all and six all.

The money raised will be sent to the Fund Committee in Nanking who will decide on the form the memorial will take. A memorial service will also be held in the Club that day.

Soviet Reply On Dairen

Nanking, Apr. 16. Dr. George Yeh, spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told a press conference today that the Soviet Government has replied to the Chinese memorandum of March 31 concerning the detailed plan for the taking over of Dairen and Port Arthur.

The Soviet Government has promised assistance to the administrative council to be sent though no agreement has been reached on the question of China forces to be stationed in these territories.

The Soviet authorities had asked the Chinese Communists and their sympathisers to evacuate the Dairen and Port Arthur areas prior to the Chinese Government taking over their control. (United Press.)

RAJAH EXECUTED

Batavia, Apr. 16. Despatches from Koepping in Dutch Timor reported today that Pius Rabe Wango, the Christian Rajah of Lio, has been executed for collaboration with the Japanese during the war.

Sentence was carried out after Dr. Van Moock had rejected an appeal for clemency. (Associated Press.)

Stop Press

Moscow, Apr. 16. General Marshall's 30-minute talk with Marshal Joseph Stalin is understood to have failed to break any deadlocks in the Foreign Ministers' Council. (Associated Press.)

Jerusalem, Apr. 16. The Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, today threatened to hang 40 British officers in revenge for the execution of Dov Gruner and three other terrorists at Acre prison this morning.

In the first broadcast heard for several months, the organisation's illegal radio station, announced "Ten senior British officers will be hanged in the streets of Jewish Palestine for every one of our martyrs murdered by the British today." (United Press.)

Shanghai, Apr. 16. The Shanghai Garrison authorities today arrested three alleged members of the Communist secret service, one of them a woman, and sent them to Nanking for questioning, according to semi-official Chinese reports.

The leader's name was given as Hsien Ping, chief of the new 4th Army mobile units in Shanghai-Nanking.

The reports added that the trio were meeting to "map out plans to spread terrorist activities" when they were arrested. (United Press.)

Fifty Million Dollars For China

Washington, Apr. 15. Informed official sources said today that US\$50,000,000 has been tentatively earmarked for China out of President Truman's request to Congress for US\$350,000,000 to continue emergency food relief to war-stricken countries following the end of UNRRA.

This measure, which the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee is now considering, is separate from Truman's US\$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid programme. It is designed to provide according to the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Dean Acheson) post-UNRRA food relief to Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and "probably China."

Other official sources confirmed that China was included and said the funds tentatively earmarked for the Chinese were US\$50,000,000.

The State Department refused to provide a "breakdown" of the US\$50,000,000— even to Congressmen, contending that when the amount of prospective aid for any country was known, that country immediately "regards it as a debt and hard feelings result if it is not all forthcoming."

Mr. Acheson told Senate Foreign Relations Committee members today that unless US\$350,000,000 was appropriated for the programme, "widespread human suffering with grave political and economic consequences for the world would result." (United Press.)

Duke Aids In Hotel Fire

The Duke of Windsor helped lay a fire hose this morning. It was a fire in the Elite Tower apartments of the Waldorf-Astoria.

A distinguished game of gin-rummy was interrupted a former Dutch diplomat, and his European guests in their 26th floor suite when fire was discovered in a bedroom.

In addition to the guests at the party, hotel guests from other floors helped to wield hand extinguishers and lay hose lines. Among them was England's former king. (Associated Press.)

END OF K.M.T. TRADITION

Nanking, April 16. The traditional weekly memorial service for the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, in various Government and civil organizations and schools, will be suspended after the reorganization of the Government, it was decided at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee this morning. (Central News.)

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. (and also on 9.62 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.45 p.m.—Richard Taylor (Tenor) and Edith Lorand and Her Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.45 p.m.—Variety.
2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Variety.
7.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service.
7.15 p.m.—"Ambrose and Anne", Ambrose and His Orchestra, Anna Shilton, Vocal.
7.30 p.m.—"The Gay Nineties".
7.50 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Building "Facts about Tuberculosis"—Talk by Dr. P.A.M. Van der Linde, Health Officer, New Territories.
8.30 p.m.—Studio: Record Review. A Review of the Latest Records recorded by ZBW. Arranged and Presented by Nikl Lorraine.
9.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service.
9.15 p.m.—Studio: "The Cat in the Hat" by the Hong Kong Stage Club.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Studio: Recital by Molly Binks (Mezzo-Soprano) with piano accompaniment by Betty Brown.
10.35 p.m.—Johann David's Dances, tango (David Lequeux Dances) Alfred Cortot (Piano).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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